Configuring and Using Akismet

Akismet is a spam commenting service designed to reduce comment and pingback spam. It checks the content of the comment anonymously with an online server, to determine whether it is spam or not.

All comments considered spam automatically placed by Akismet in a spam queue where it is held for a month and then deleted. You should check your spam screen weekly to make sure Akismet hasn't captured any legitimate comments or pingbacks.

Setting up Akismet

1. Go to **Plugins** > **Installed** in your Dashboard
2. Click on **Activate** below **Akismet**

Akismet
Akismet checks your comments against the Akismet web service to see if they look like spam or not.
Activate
Click Activate
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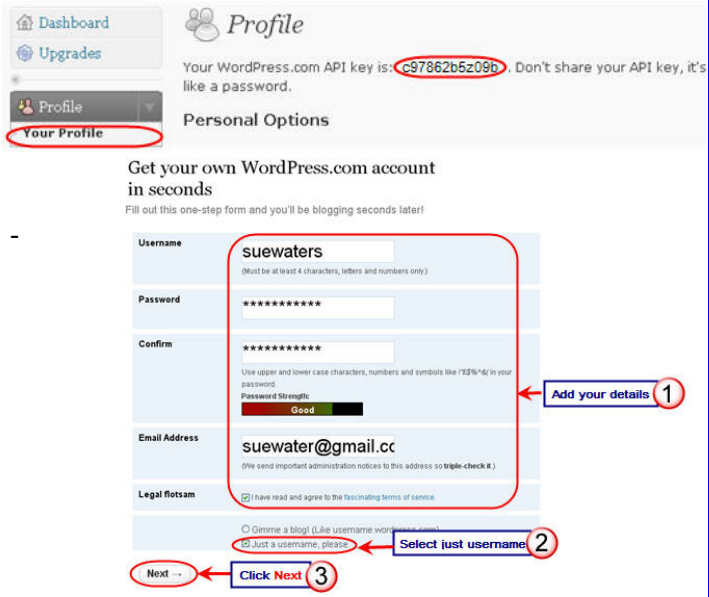
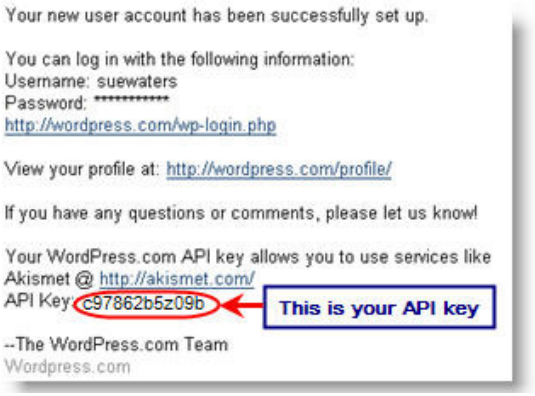
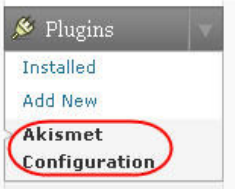
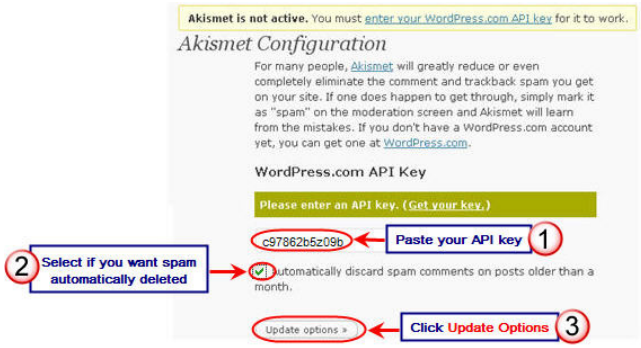
3. You need an API key from WordPress.com to use Akismet. An API key is a string of numbers, letters and functions that act as a unique password so you can use this service.
4. If you already have a WordPress.com account, your API key is listed on your profile page (Profile > Your Profile).
5. If you don't have an account on WordPress.com - Sign up for a username by going to http://wordpress.com/signup/.
6. Go to your email account and click on the link in the email from WordPress.com to activate your username. Once activated you will receive second email which includes your API key.
7. Copy your API key - remember don't share your API key with others it is like a password (API keys shown here are examples only -- they are not real API keys)




Your new user account has been successfully set up.
You can log in with the following information:
Username: suewaters
Password: **********
http://wordpress.com/wp-login.php
View your profile at: http://wordpress.com/profile/
If you have any questions or comments, please let us know!
Your WordPress.com API key allows you to use services like Akismet @ http://akismet.com/
API Key: c97862b5z09b
This is your API key
--The WordPress.com Team
Wordpress.com

8. Go to **Plugins** > **Akismet configuration** in your Dashboard.




Akismet is not active. You must enter your WordPress.com API key for it to work.
Akismet Configuration
For many people, Akismet will greatly reduce or even completely eliminate the comment and trackback spam you get on your site. If one does happen to get through, simply mark it as "spam" on the moderation screen and Akismet will learn from the mistakes. If you don't have a WordPress.com account yet, you can get one at WordPress.com.
WordPress.com API Key
Please enter an API key. (Get your key.)
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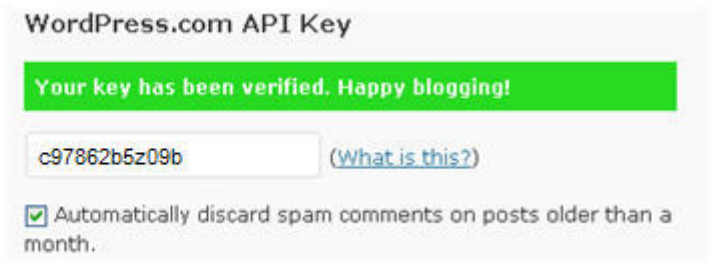
Paste your API key
1
2
Select if you want spam automatically deleted
Automatically discard spam comments on posts older than a month.
Update options »
Click Update Options
3

9. Paste in your WordPress.com API key, select if you want spam comments automatically deleted if older than a month and then click **Update options**.

10. You should now see a 'your key has been verified message' - means Akismet is now activated on your blog


WordPress.com API Key
Your key has been verified. Happy blogging!
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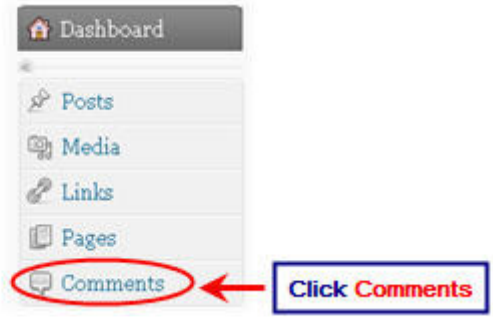
(What is this?)
Automatically discard spam comments on posts older than a month.

Checking your Spam Comments

You should check your spam screen weekly to make sure Askimet hasn't captured any legitimate comments or pingbacks.

1. Go to **Comments** in your blog dashboard



2. Click on **Spam** to view all comments held in the spam queue.
3. To approve any legitimate comments or pingbacks just hover your mouse the comment and click on the **Approve** action link.

All | Pending (0) | Approved | Spam (77)
Click on Spam
Search Comments
Displaying 1–20 of 77
1 2 3 4 »
Bulk Actions
Apply
Show all comment types
Filter
Delete All Spam
Author
Comment
In Response To
Sue Waters
theedublogger.edublogs.org
suewater@gmail.com
202.89.171.41
Submitted on 2009/08/13 at 9:27am
@Ginny, As a pseudo official Cadbury's spokes person I can assure you that it is definitely that corn syrup!
But now they have started wrapping Cadbury's differently here in Australia I think it is time to change to a new chocolate. It just isn't the same – even with sugar!
The Great USA Coca Cola and Chocolate Scandal
Click Approve
Approve | Delete | Edit | Quick Edit